(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what was the consensus of the conference in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Setting up of a Non-aligned Film Pool as also a Non-aligned Photo-Pool have been proposed by India during the Third Conference of Ministers for Information of the Non-aligned Countries held at Havana in September, 1990. Modalities of the proposal are being worked out.

(c) The Indian proposals were, *prima facie*, acceptable to the participating countries

Self-immolations against Mandal Commission recommendations

1433 SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the self-immolation and suicide bids in protest against the Government's reservation policy since the decision on the Mandal Commission was announced on August 7, 1990;

(b) the number of persons who died; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The following information has been received so far:

	Self-Immolation		Suicides	
	Bids	Deaths	Bids	Deaths
Gujarat	13		1	
Punjab	6	6	5	5
Delhi	17	10	1	1

(c) The Government order regarding reservation in jobs to socially and educationally backward classes has been challenged in the court of law. The matter is pending before the Supreme Court The Court has directed that no steps to implement the said Government Order shall be taken till the pendency of the hearing, excepting identification of the Castes to be benefited.

Pak attack in Keran sub-section of Jammu and Kashmir

1434. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani forces resorted to unprovoked attack with mortar and heavy artillery in the Keran sub-sector in Jammu and Kashmir on October, 4, 1990 and that the